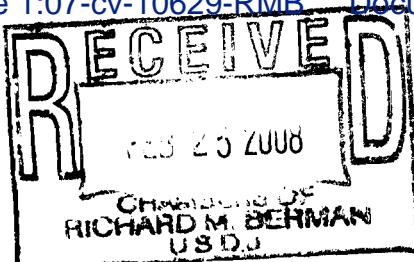


U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney
Southern District of New York**MEMO ENDORSED**

Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. \$49,000 in United States Currency,
07 Civ. 10629 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

The Silvio J. Mollo Building
One Saint Andrew's Plaza
New York, New York 10007

February 25, 2008

Application granted.
Written status by 3/3/08
noon + conferred on 3/5/08
Q 9:15 A.M.

SO ORDERED:
Date: 2/26/08

Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.

The Government writes in connection with the status conference that was scheduled for today in the above-captioned case. Please accept the Government's apology for its failure to appear on the matter. February 25 was marked down in my calendar as a control date by which the Government was to inform the Court whether or not it intended to move for a default judgment in this case. Clearly that was in error, and the matter was down for a conference. Again, the Government apologizes for inconveniencing the Court.

Based on the Government's recent review of the docket in this case, it appears that no party has, as yet, filed a claim or answer, and the Government had intended to inform the Court today of its intention to seek a default judgment. However, according to a voicemail left by your chambers, an attorney appeared this morning in connection with the case. The Government respectfully suggests that it contact opposing counsel and then provide the Court with a written case status update by Monday, March 3, 2008. Of course, the Government is available at any time should Your Honor prefer that the parties appear for a rescheduled conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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